

INCREASED WORK IN THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

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Mr. HULL, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10163.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10163) to provide for the proper handling of the increased volume of work in the Adjutant-General's Department of the Army, due to the calling out of volunteers and the increase of the Regular Army, report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

Strike out the word "now," in line 3 of page 2, and insert after the word "by," in line 4 of page 2, the word "the," and add the following at the end of the bill: "In force prior to the passage of this act," so that the last clause shall read—

reduced to the number authorized by the law in force prior to the passage of this act.

Submitted herewith and made a part of this report is a letter from the honorable Secretary of War bearing on the subject.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington, April 28, 1898.*

SIR: I beg to submit for your consideration a proposed bill which temporarily adds three officers to the present number of officers in the Adjutant-General's Department of the Army. The present legal complement exceeds by but one officer the number of officers it contained at the outbreak of the rebellion, when the Army was only three-fifths the size of the peace establishment as now fixed by law.

The work falling on the Adjutant-General's Department, both in the field and in Washington, has trebled within the last three weeks, and its volume is likely to increase rather than diminish during the continuance of the present war. I therefore regard the increase provided for in the bill as absolutely necessary, and one that would conduce to the public interests in a marked degree.

Very respectfully,

R. A. ALGER, *Secretary of War.*

Hon. JOHN A. T. HULL,

*Chairman Military Committee, House of Representatives.*